

News briefs

VAT office

The Value Added Tax office, currently located in building 125 on Spangdahlem Air Base, will move Dec. 1 to lodging, building 38, room 10. VAT services are offered daily from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The Utility Tax Avoidance Program is offered Monday, Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only. After hours VAT service will be offered at the lodging front desk. The phone number will remain the same -- 452-7801.

AFSA elections

Local Air Force Sergeant's Association elections take place at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Spang Club. Guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Vickie Mauldin, U.S. Air Forces in Europe command chief master sergeant. Call Staff Sgt. Nancy Barron-Palumbo at 452-6390 for details.

Services survey

Air Force Services is holding an Air Force-wide survey. Randomly selected people should receive the survey in their mailboxes in the next few weeks.

The 52nd Services Squadron asks people who receive the survey to take time to answer the questions and to ask family members their thoughts on the questions as well.

For more information, call Annick Schoenthal at 452-6466.

Unified America fund

The locally-created United America Fund, established as a means for the Eifel community to contribute money to victims of the terrorist tragedy in the United States, has raised more than \$12,200.

According to Master Sgt. John Johnston, family support center, the account will be closed Dec. 1. For more information, call Johnston at 452-6894.

TRICARE information booth

A TRICARE representative will be available Nov. 30 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex main exchange.

People can stop by the information booth and find out answers to their health benefit questions.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Sanece-Ann O'Brien at 452-3120.

Anthrax Web site

U.S. Air Forces in Europe now has an anthrax information page, which is linked to the USAFE public Web site at www.usafe.af.mil/anthrax/home.html.

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Panther communications

Senior Airman David M. Tongue, 81st Fighter Squadron communications navigation specialist, removes a panel on an A-10 Thunderbolt II to gain access to repair a circuit on the communications unit. The 81st and other units from Spangdahlem Air Base leave soon for their Air Expeditionary Force rotations. The squadron should be back to Spangdahlem Air Base in March.

Tech. Sgt. Joe Springfield

USAFE commander speaks to CGOs

By Capt. Angela Johnson
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

More than 100 company grade officers attended the first U.S. Air Forces in Europe CGO Council conference this past weekend at Spangdahlem Air Base.

Gen. Gregory Martin, USAFE commander, was among the guest speakers during the three-day conference, which organizers hope becomes an annual event in the command.

Martin said it was important to speak to young officers to share lessons and experiences with the future leaders of the force.

"I found when I was a company grade officer the opportunity to hear from a senior officer, who was honest and serious about training us, to be some of the most inspiring and motivating presentations that I can recall," he said.

Before soliciting questions from the audience following his presentation, Martin discussed the future of the Air Expeditionary Force cycle for people in the command.

"The president and the secretary of defense have made clear statements about the fact that we are engaged in a global war on terrorism," Martin said. "The AEF, which was structured for more or less a steady state environment of contingencies such as Northern Watch, Southern Watch, the Balkans, and counter-drug operations, have been enhanced significantly by this global war. Although we will try and call up our forces in sequences as we expect in an AEF, they may be called up early and some may be asked to stay longer than the 90 days they planned because of the effort that our nation demands of us."

With USAFE members deploying daily during this time of year, Martin also stressed the need to take care of each other.

"It's clear that as we head into the holiday season that we have our work cut out for us in the global war on terrorism," he said. "But, I know that our Air Force is up to it and I know that our families and our members will do everything they can to take care

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IDEA submission garners maintainer \$10,000

Master sergeant earns about \$40,000 using 'under-utilized' program

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Rather than complain about an inefficient system or an outdated tasking order, people can do something about it and possibly

make some extra cash at the same time.

That's what Master Sgt. Daniel Demers did while stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, last year and now he has \$10,000 to show for it.

The 52nd Component Repair Squadron avionics section chief's recent windfall isn't his first, however.

During his 19 years in the Air Force, he's

cashed about \$40,000 worth of checks for submitting usable, tangible tasking order and process improvements to the Innovated Development through Employee Awareness program.

"I'm just making good use of an under-utilized program," he said.

As maintenance systems logistics program manager at Sheppard AFB, Demers

noticed many reusable aircraft parts were being destroyed and sold as scrap metal, rather than salvaged as a result of outdated "save" lists.

"The screening process I implemented enabled us to take additional measures to ensure reusable items weren't needlessly

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Accidents

By John W. Keeler
52nd Security Forces Squadron
Reports and Analysis

Nineteen Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents during the past week, four of which were major.

The first major accident happened on B-52 near Trier-Ehrang. The Trier Polizei determined a U.S. Army soldier was traveling 50-60 kph above the posted speed limit and wasn't familiar with his surroundings.

The soldier crossed the centerline and struck a German's car head on. The Trier and Schweich fire departments used the jaws-of-life to remove the vehicle occupants. Three other soldiers were taken to the Trier Krankenhaus, where one remains in a coma. The German driver had neck and spinal injuries. Both vehicles were totaled.

The second accident took place on A-60 between Bleif and Winterspelt, Belgium. An airman driving in the rain and reduced visibility tried to follow four vehicles out of his lane while passing.

Once the airman initiated the pass, the vehicle in front of him reduced its speed causing them to collide.

There were no injuries. The

third accident happened on L-39 in Speicher. An airman was driving toward Spangdahlem in the early morning hours when his truck slid on black ice. The driver tried to correct the slide, but lost control, rolled and landed upside down in a ditch. The airman was not injured, but the vehicle had damage to the roof, minor dents and all windows broke.

The final major accident happened on B-50 near the Spangdahlem traffic circle. An airman hit a guardrail and then fled the scene. He continued driving toward Bitburg, where he was pulled over and detained. The accident caused the front bumper to fall off; a dented hood; right wheel damage; oil pan and radiator damage; and the majority of the lights weren't working. He was transferred into the custody of security forces and the vehicle was towed.

The 15 minor accidents involved:

■ Two from driving too fast for road conditions.

■ Seven from improper backing.

■ Six were from inattentive driving.

In addition, nine citations were issued.

Flu shot available to Team Eifel

By Maj. David Duque Jr.
52nd Medical Group Public Health Flight commander

The 52nd Medical Group began this year's annual influenza immunization program Nov. 15. Because influenza activity can start as early as December, the medical group usually tries to begin the program in October, however, delays in release and shipment of the vaccine, caused a later than usual start.

Flu immunizations are encouraged for everyone by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Air Forces in Europe surgeon general. For military members, the shot is mandatory.

Influenza or "the flu" can be a serious disease. It can cause fever, sore throat, cough, headache, chills and muscle aches. Symptoms can last from several days to several weeks. People of any age can get the flu.

Most people are sick with influenza for only a few days, but some get much sicker and may need to be hospitalized. Influenza causes thousands of deaths each year, mostly among the elderly.

The flu is caused by a virus that generally spreads through the air from infected people. Influenza viruses change often, therefore, the vaccine is updated each year to make it as effective as possible.

Protection begins about two weeks after getting the shot. The flu vaccine only helps protect you against getting the flu — not against other illnesses.

The flu shot is recommended for the following groups of people and everyone in their households:

- Everyone 50 years of age or older.
- Anyone who has a serious long-term health problem with:
 - heart disease
 - kidney disease
 - lung disease
 - metabolic disease, such as diabetes
 - asthma
 - anemia, and other blood disorders

■ Anyone whose immune system is weakened

■ Women who will be past the third month of pregnancy during the influenza season.

■ Physicians, nurses, family members or anyone else coming in close contact with people at risk of serious influenza.

The flu shot is mandatory for all active duty

Contrary to popular belief, you can't get the flu from the flu vaccine, because the vaccine is made from a dead virus.

A vaccine, like any medicine, is capable of causing side effects or serious problems, however, the risk of a vaccine causing serious harm is extremely small. People who get the flu shot can expect some mild soreness, redness or swelling at the injection site. Some people experience a mild fever or aches, though they usually last less than two days.

This year's flu vaccine is available to all active duty, family members and retirees in the Spangdahlem Air Base area. The flu vaccine is also available to pay patients (contractors, Department of Defense teachers and unsponsored personnel) on a fee-for-service basis.

The flu shot is administered at the Spangdahlem AB immunization clinic during regular immunization hours: Monday, 7:30-11:30 a.m.; Tuesday 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.; Wednesday 1-4 p.m.; Thursday 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.; Friday 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Everyone, including family members and retirees, must bring their yellow shot record with them.

Additionally, children enrolled at the Bitburg Annex Pediatric Clinic can get their flu shot in that clinic weekdays from 9-11 a.m.

The Department of Defense Dependents schools will also participate in this year's immunization program. They will be sending out notices and permission slips through the DODDs school nurses.

For more information, call the immunizations clinic at 452-8121 or 06565-95-8121 or public health at 452-8303 or 06565-95-8308.

Homework without tears helps parents

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Homework — most students cringe at the sound of the word, but they're not the only ones. For some parents, struggling to get their children to do their homework causes headaches and anxiety as well.

There is hope to make homework less of a struggle for parents and children, according to Sonya Oliver, Spangdahlem Middle School psychologist.

The first in a monthly series of seminars focusing on parent and elementary and middle school student relationships and challenges begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Spangdahlem Middle School. School psychologists and counselors will discuss the topic, "Homework Without Tears," a workshop designed to identify and share ways of making homework more manageable for the family.

"The parents we're trying to reach are those who experience daily struggles with their children who come home with their homework assignments, but for whatever reason have trouble getting started, who didn't bring home all their materials, etc.," Oliver said.

Seminar speakers will offer parents various age-appropriate methods of coaching their children through homework challenges.

"It is a little different as to how you approach the challenges for elementary and middle schoolers," she said. "In middle school, there's a lot more homework; there's a lot more time involved and the students begin using assignment notebooks.

"We're going to start from the beginning to identify the problem. Then we'll offer suggestions on how to remedy the problems."

Upcoming parent seminar topics

All seminars topics and schedules are tentative and take place in Spangdahlem Middle School unless otherwise indicated.

Call the school office at 452-7205 for more information.

- Stress and children, 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12
- Peer pressure, January
- Anger and attitudes, February
- Self esteem, March

IDEA

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destroyed," he said.

The fact Demers was reassigned to a base overseas made no difference in his IDEA award submission. All he had to do was type in his new address into his IDEA Program Data System account and the check was sent straight to his new mailbox.

More than 175 Team Eifel members submitted ideas using the IPDS in fiscal 2001 totaling more than about \$16,000, according to wing IDEA records. Although this may sound like a healthy chunk of change, the Air Force had another \$22,000 slated for awarding to approved 52nd Fighter Wing ideas, that was never given out, said Tech. Sgt. John Rivera, 52nd Fighter Wing IDEA analyst.

Submitting ideas is easy, Rivera said. Visit the IDEA IPDS Web page at <https://ideas.satx.disa.mil>. Site links offer instructions on how to make submissions, IDEA program rules, a list of recently submitted ideas by other people and more.

Submissions can be intangible quality-of-life improvements, like one award-winning suggestion for painting another crosswalk at a busy base intersection, said Rivera.

Upon approval, evaluators award \$200 for these types of ideas.

Demers' submissions were tangible, meaning monetary savings in manpower, equipment or time could be calculated. IDEA evaluators figure awards as 15 percent of the submission's annual savings for the Air Force.

Demers' most recent award of \$10,000 is the highest dollar amount awarded for an IDEA submission. It's estimated at saving the Air Force more than \$3.2 million.

In fiscal 2001, 84 of 187 Team Eifel submissions were approved and awarded. People's ideas included flightline and other maintenance processes tasking order improvements, bus stop additions, reducing medical staff temporary duty assignments, and passport application and waste-water removal process improvements. A majority of the awards went to members of wing equipment maintenance, civil engineer and component repair squadrons.

"It's so simple to submit suggestions," Rivera said. "It doesn't cost anything. Rather than browsing the Internet during lunch hour, take a few minutes to submit your ideas. Who knows - they may get accepted."

For more information on the IDEA program, call Rivera at 452-6468.

Staff Sgt. Daryl Bagley, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron (Provisional) and Airman Against Drunk Driving president, posts an AADD poster at the Saber Club. AADD is displaying their posters in base public facilities to advertise the program at Spangdahlem Air Base.

Staff Sgt. Esperanza Berrios

AADD offers alternative to driving under influence

By Senior Airman Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

It's on television, in magazine ads and in newspapers, but, for some reason people just don't seem to get it. The message is simple — don't drink and drive.

Driving under the influence of alcohol is not only a major cause of auto accidents, but also often costs lives.

Wing leadership is so serious about reducing DUIs, in January commanders

implemented a new program awarding a "down day" each time Team Eifel goes 52 days without a DUI.

Earning a down day doesn't mean base members shouldn't drink, but it does call base members to drink responsibly and have a plan for getting home safely.

"Before people go out drinking, they should designate a driver," said Staff Sgt. Daryl Bagley, 52nd Fighter Wing integrated deployment system manager and Airmen

Against Drunk Driving president. "But for some reason, if the designated driver isn't available, people can call AADD, Ride For Life or a taxi.

"AADD is also good backup plan when you have to get a car home because you don't have pay for a taxi twice. And, because it's an all volunteer service, it doesn't cost anything."

When people call AADD, a charge of quarters volunteer asks if the caller has a car to pick up also and where they're located. When picking people up, the CQ sends two drivers if a vehicle needs to be driven to the caller's home.

Many people who use AADD eventually volunteer at some point, although it's not a requirement when using the service, Bagley said. All AADD calls are anonymous and range in rank and age. Volunteers also vary in ranks and position.

"We get enlisted airmen up to commanders and first sergeants helping out," he said.

2nd Lt. Randy Saguin, 52nd Fighter Wing contingency plans and programs officer and volunteer driver, said he'd like to see more people calling for a ride rather than risking a DUI.

"It's a good program because it saves lives," he said.

The program averages seven calls each weekend with an average of four passengers per call. AADD's busiest hours are 2-6 a.m. Saturday and Sunday and the numbers

commonly increase during holiday and payday weekends.

Bagley said volunteers rarely have to deal with rude or overly drunk callers.

"Most people are thankful for the ride," he said. But callers do sometimes get impatient when it takes 20 minutes or more for a driver to pick them up. Bagley said this happens when the program runs short on volunteers.

"Occasionally, we have to send drivers living on Spangdahlem Air Base to pick up callers from the Bitburg Annex," he said. "It takes at least 15 minutes to drive from one place to the other. We ask that callers remain patient and not get frustrated and decide to try to drive themselves, risking their lives - and the lives of others."

While making plans to go drinking at the clubs or at a party, remember to make plans for getting home safely. The answer to preventing a highway tragedy is simple:

- Don't drink alcohol if driving.
- When planning to drink, designate someone who isn't drinking to drive people who are drinking home.

- When a designated driver isn't available, Team Eifel members should call AADD, Ride For Life or a local taxi.

If everyone follows these guidelines, the DUI counter at the front gate should drop daily for 52 days and Team Eifel will be able to sleep in on a Friday. That'll be because Col. Greg Ihde, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, will give a "wing down day" to Team Eifel members for achieving 52 days without a single DUI.

Airman Leadership School graduates 67

By Staff Sgt. Latitia Austin
Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School

Senior Airman Patrick Beesley received top honors from Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School Class 02-1.

During the Nov. 6 graduation ceremony, the 52nd Security Forces Squadron member received the John L. Levitow and academic achievement awards. Senior Airman Joel Harr received the Pitsenbarger Leadership Award. Distinguished graduates were Senior Airmen Christopher Jones, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; Joel Harr, 52nd CES; Woodrow Batilaran, 52nd SFS, and Carri Kirk, 81st Fighter Squadron.

The other 48 senior airmen graduating were:

Eagle Flight

Stephen Williamson, 52nd Services Squadron; Jessica German, 22nd Fighter Squadron; Jonathan Avery, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; Raymond Diaz Rios, 52nd Fighter Wing; Joseph Disalvo, Jr., 752nd Munitions Support Squadron, Volkell Air Base, The Netherlands; Donald J. Fischer II, 52nd SFS; Jason Greene, 852nd Munitions Support Squadron, Buechel Air Base, Germany; Eric Hendricks, 23rd Fighter Squadron; Nicholas Johnson, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; Scott Keith, 606th Air Control Squadron; Chanda

Little, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; Carrie McKellar, 470th Air Base Squadron, Geilenkirchen, Germany; Lee McKinstry, 52nd Munitions Support Squadron, Klein Brogel Air Base, Belgium; Michael Metcalf, 606th ACS; Tanya Robinson, 52nd Component Repair Squadron; Jeremy Schoneboom, 606th ACS.

Falcon Flight

Jonathon Wernli, 606th ACS; Rex Crites, 52nd SFS; Jonathan Arnold, 22nd FS; Kenny Boodell, 52nd SVS; Christopher Chambers, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron; James Craft, 606th ACS; Zandria George, 52nd MSS; Jason Jolliff, 752nd MUNSS; Ronald Lucero, 23rd FS; Paul Magin, 52nd CES; Jason Melahn, 52nd CRS; Duwayne Melton, 52nd EMS; Michael Wallace, 852nd MUNSS; Bethany Weathersbee, 52nd MUNSS; Jaime Westbrook, 52nd Medical Support Squadron

Warthog Flight

Erin Yancey-Gardner, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron; Anthony Bell, 23rd FS; Seymour Brookes, 52nd MSS; Aaron Bushy, 22nd FS; Ryan Collins, 752nd MUNSS; Christopher Dipierro, 606th ACS; Matthew Evans, 606th ACS; Teresa Fernandez, 852nd MUNSS; William R. Finlay II, 52nd EMS; Jeremy Fleshman,

52nd MUNSS; David Foster, 52nd CES; Keith Galliani, 23rd FS; Curt McBroom, 52nd CRS; Tony Meyers, 22nd FS; Erik Mooneyhan, 52nd MUNSS; Carrie Morris, 52nd Operations Group; Brandon Wiebke, 606th ACS; Judith Wiley, 81st FS.

Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School Class, Geilenkirchen 02-T1

Senior Airman Chad Nelson received top honors from Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School Class, Geilenkirchen, Germany, 02-T1.

During the Nov. 8 graduation ceremony, the Allied Forces North member received the John L. Levitow, and academic achievement awards. The Leadership award winner was Senior Airman Anthony Pisula, 470th Air Base Squadron.

The other 11 senior airmen graduating were:

Magic Flight

Alan Justice, AF North; Aimee Andrzyzak, NATO AWACS; Ryan Bortle, 470th ABS; Michael Escoto, 470th ABS; Karen Franklin, NATO AWACS; Marian Gentry, NATO AWACS; Jeremiah Glamann, 470th ABS; Autumn Hosley, 470th ABS; Angelique Joiner, NATO AWACS; Bill Navarroza, NATO AWACS; Kenneth Olexa, NATO AWACS.

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of one another during this holiday season."

With the ever-present terrorist threat, and enemies that can attack from 360 degrees, Martin asked everyone remain vigilant.

"You just never know which one of our military members, our family members or our civilian members might see the cue, or hint, of something getting ready to happen, so each and every one of us has to play a part in force protection," he said. "Each and everyone of us has to be vigilant, has to be on guard and has to look for things out of the ordinary; and then has to report it as soon as possible.

"What we don't want to happen is for someone after an event has occurred say, 'Gee, I wish I had said something that might have made a difference.' Do it, say it, help out and don't worry about if someone thinks you are overreacting. Your overreacting might save someone and an untimely mishap."

Martin, who said it was a pleasure to be back at Spangdahlem AB, wrapped up with a message for the holidays.

"I want you to know that Wendy, my wife, and I are absolutely honored and thrilled to be serving in our Air Force and we wish each and every one of the great men and women serving ... officer, enlisted and civilian, along with their families, a very happy holiday."

Reduce,

Team Eifel's guide to on,

Laws ensure yellow-bag

By 2nd Lt. Nadja Frank
52nd Civil Engineer Environmental Flight

One of the most common questions Team Eifel members ask is if it's a waste of time separating plastics for recycling. Many people wonder if the yellow-bag recycling items simply end up in landfills. How can people feel confident their yellow bag contents are being recycled?

Germany established the Dual System Deutschland and the yellow-bag recycling program in 1998 to create a nation-wide system for collecting and sorting packaging materials. DSD reports proof of its performance to German federal state environmental ministers.

About 30 million packaging items have been recycled to date. Any packaging collected and sorted by the DSD, by law, must be recycled.

In 1999, about 77 percent of the German citizens questioned chose collecting and recycling as the best waste management concept. Only 17 percent preferred incineration and 4 percent thought dumping waste into landfills is the best option.

The DSD symbol is a green dot and two green arrows forming

Wing competition rewards recycling

Wing officials kicked off a base-wide recycling competition on Nov. 15, America Recycles Day.

The five month long contest ending on Earth Day April 22, aims at building good, Earth-friendly product use habits.

Throughout the competition, base environmental protection flight members randomly inspect wing operations, logistic, support and medical groups trash recycling areas weekly to see which diverts the most for recycling. The 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron awarded the winning group \$1,000 for construction or renovation of a unit facility.

For more information about the competition, call base environmental flight at 452-7257.

a circle. To print the symbol on their products must agree to reuse their packing products displaying the green dot products supporting German recycling

Yellow recycling bag

- ↻ Milk cartons
- ↻ Plastic bags
- ↻ Aluminum foil, trays
- ↻ Biscuit tubes
- ↻ Bottle caps
- ↻ Animal food cans
- ↻ Drink bags
- ↻ Cellophane
- ↻ Bleach bottles
- ↻ Coffee cans
- ↻ Straws
- ↻ Plastic hot dog wrappers
- ↻ Frozen food boxes
- ↻ Frozen juice cans
- ↻ Nylon nets for produce
- ↻ Jar lids
- ↻ Plastic soda bottles
- ↻ Yogurt cups
- ↻ Wax drink cups
- ↻ Styrofoam meat trays
- ↻ Steel cans
- ↻ Soda cans
- ↻ Shampoo bottles
- ↻ Potato chip cans
- ↻ Chip bags
- ↻ Plastic wrap
- ↻ Plastic utensils
- ↻ Detergent containers

- ↻ Plastic CD containers
- ↻ Plastic butter tubs
- ↻ Old combs
- ↻ Cereal box plastic liners

Paper only

- ↻ Advertising inserts
- ↻ Catalogs
- ↻ Cereal boxes
- ↻ Coloring books
- ↻ Paper bags
- ↻ Computer paper
- ↻ Container labels
- ↻ Detergent boxes
- ↻ Animal food bags
- ↻ Egg cartons
- ↻ Index cards, sticky notes
- ↻ Junk mail, envelopes
- ↻ Clean paper plates
- ↻ Wrapping paper
- ↻ Toilet and paper towel tubes
- ↻ Ticket stubs
- ↻ Poster board
- ↻ Paperback books
- ↻ Newspaper
- ↻ Magazines
- ↻ Notebooks
- ↻ Legal pads
- ↻ Cardboard CD boxes

Recycling varies for hazardous

By Tech. Sgt. Andy Harper
52nd Civil Engineer Environmental Protection Flight

Where and when people dispose of bulky and odd items depends on where they live.

The base recycling center provides people a way to dispose of items not normally picked up by the solid waste contractor. Team Eifel members living on the economy may only use the BRC when they can't wait for the scheduled bulk trash or household hazardous waste day for the town or village in which they live.

Each BRC accepts a variety of materials, including household hazardous waste, large bulky items that fit into the regular containers, large amounts of cardboard and all electronic appliances.

The BRC is also where people take all of their broken household items when moving, instead of trying to pile them all in or around the trash and recycling containers. However, the BRC isn't for disposing daily trash and recyclable materials.

People may use the BRC if they are bringing waste from work centers, provided the waste is not required to be turned in to supply or the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.

In addition, people who live in one of the following areas may bring bulk trash or household hazardous waste when they can't wait for their area's scheduled waste pick up day:

- Dormitories
- Spangdahlem military family housing
- Bitburg Annex military family housing
- Herford, Speicher and Binsfeld government-leased housing

BRC materials

The Spangdahlem BRC is located across from building 44 on Barksdale Avenue. It's open 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

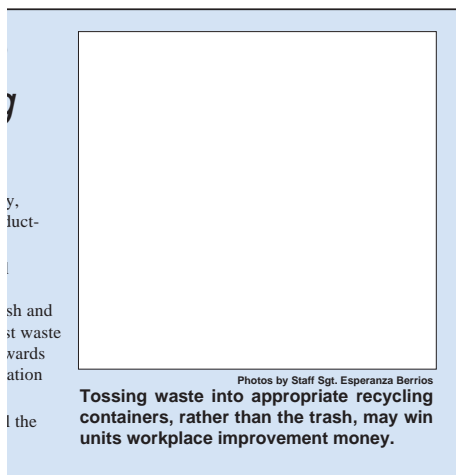
The Bitburg BRC is located in building 2032 on the French caserne. It's open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Both are closed Sunday and German holidays. The following types of waste are accepted at each BRC:

- ↻ Wood
- ↻ Paper: Carbon paper and soiled, greasy paper (like pizza boxes) are not considered recyclable.

, Reuse ,

, off base waste disposal

, recyclables not trashed



German consumers have steadily decreased the amount of packaging bought since 1998 by more than 13 percent, according to recent government reports. And, as packaging demands dropped, the market for recycled raw material grew.

Clearly, people believe recycling is the right thing to do. Germany has a well-established system for reusing product packaging through yellow bag collection and industrial reuse requirements. The country established a goal of completely recovering all wastes by 2020, eventually making landfills obsolete.

As Team Eifel members decide what to do with their waste, they should choose to be a part of a worldwide solution to waste

their sales packaging, companies
g waste. So, when people buy
it, they know they're buying
ycling programs.

disposal. Everyone should sort their trash and recycle as much as possible, making use of an efficient and popular German recycling system.

dous waste, local residents

↻ **Metal:** Only 100 percent metal items may be placed in the metal container. All automotive parts such as transmissions, wheel rims, fenders and other parts should be recycled at the auto skills center in building 189 on Spangdahlem AB and building 83 on the Bitburg Annex.

↻ **Plastic and Styrofoam**

↻ **Bulk waste:** This container is for large items that don't fit into the regular trash containers.

↻ **Electronic appliances:** Basically, anything electric- or battery-powered.

↻ **Glass:** Same as all glass containers.

↻ **Clothes and shoes:** All old clothes and shoes in good condition can be taken to the BRC.

↻ **Household hazardous waste:** Used cleaning products, paints, solvents, pesticides, lighter fluid, half-full aerosol cans, propane tanks and dry-cell batteries are considered house-hold hazardous waste. Automotive products such as used oil and antifreeze must be taken to the skills development centers for disposal. Call the environmental flight at 452-5124 to dispose of lithium or other types of batteries.

Off-base recycling

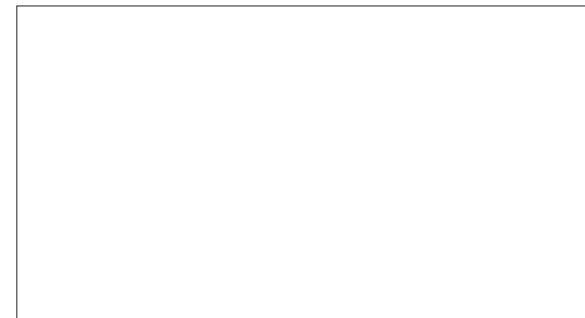
Each county has unique requirements for solid waste and hazardous waste disposal; however, by following basic recycling guidelines, people will have no problem disposing of any type of material.

Regular trash disposal pickup is usually once every two weeks. Paper and yellow bag disposal also varies, and for most communities it's once every four weeks.

Bulk trash dates are usually no more than three or four times a year. All household hazardous waste must be taken to a central location and the dates and times vary from town to town.

People living in Bernkastel-Wittlich County or Bitburg-Pruem County can view trash, yellow bag, paper, and bulk trash pick up dates on the main Spangdahlem Intranet page at <http://intranet.spangdahlem.af.mil> under the two "Trash Pick-up Dates" links.

Landlords should be the first source of information for all trash and recyclable material disposal. Call the 52nd CES environmental flight at 06565-615124 for more information



Trash only

■ Animal waste disposed of in sealed or tied plastic bags

■ Ashes

■ Bone

■ Broken window panes

■ Ceramics, porcelain

■ Coffee grounds, filters

■ Cotton swabs

■ Diapers

■ Doughnut boxes

■ Dryer lint, dryer sheets

■ Dust, dirt from vacuums

■ Foil butter wrappers

■ Food waste

■ Grease

■ Greasy paper plates

■ Ice cream boxes

■ Microwave popcorn bags

■ Videotapes

■ Tissues and napkins

■ Tape

■ Torn stuffed animals

■ Popsicle sticks

■ Plaques, trophies

■ Pizza boxes

■ Picture frames, photos

■ Broken toys

■ Toothbrushes

■ Pens

■ Used cloth rags

■ Incandescent light bulbs

Glass only

↻ Bottles

↻ Jars

↻ Glassware

Green waste

↻ Grass, hedge clippings

↻ Leaves, branches

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Community Mailbox

Eifel Christian Community Association

■The Evangel Temple Fellowship Church, along with Eifel Christian Community Association sponsors a trip to Rome Dec. 2-8. Sightseeing excursions include places like The Coliseum, Sistine Chapel, Spanish Steps, the Forum and much more. Price is \$400 per adult, \$160 per child (under 12) staying in the same room with two adults. Price includes round-trip transportation by bus, four overnights in four-star hotel with breakfast included. All rooms with private facilities. Local guide provided. To reserve a seat or for more information, call Eunice Porter at 06565-942156.

■The revival "Camp Meeting Bitburg 2001" takes place Wednesday through Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. daily at the Evangel Temple Fellowship Church in Bitburg. For more information, call 06561-942981.

Children's program

The Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel hosts a New Year's Children's Program for ages 5-13. Rehearsals begin Dec. 1 in the Spangdahlem AB chapel and continue each Saturday 10-11:30 a.m. through Jan. 5. For more information, call Alaine Strozier at 06565-955898.

Christmas ornaments

The Hawk Spouses Group of the 23rd Fighter Squadron sell Christmas ornaments Dec. 4 at the Spangdahlem Air Base Post Office. The 2001 design shows Cochem and the Mosel River. Ornaments from previous years are also available. For more information, call Mashon Kempf at 06561-693945.

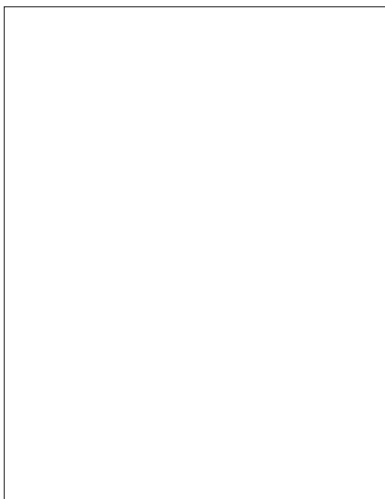
Flower shop

Spangdahlem Air Base Flower Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. The shop is closed Sunday.

Family support

The following events take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call 452-9491 to register or for more information.

- European job seekers, noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 3.
- Career profiling, 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday.
- Book club, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.
- Home buying, 6-8 p.m. Thursday.



Staff Sgt. Cindy York

Flu shot

Master Sgt. Dwayne Atkinson, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron, gives a flu shot to Staff Sgt. Michael Cluverius, 22nd Fighter Squadron. This year's flu shot is mandatory for all active-duty and available to family members and retirees in the Spangdahlem Air Base area. The vaccine is also available to contractors, Department of Defense teachers and unsponsored people on a fee-for-service basis. For times and eligibility, call the immunizations clinic at 452-8121 or public health at 452-8308.

■Newcomers' Trier by train trip, 7:45 a.m. Thursday at the Bitburg Annex commissary parking lot.

School information

■The Bitburg Elementary School Parent Teacher's Association holds a general meeting Dec. 4 in the BES cafeteria. The whole family can take part in children crafts night for \$1.

For more information, call Senior Airman Pamela Troester at 452-6655.

Singers wanted

Wing chapel services needs choir members for a

Christmas concert, taking place at 7 p.m. Dec. 16 in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Rehearsals take place 6:45-8:45 p.m. each Wednesday in the Bitburg Annex Chapel now through Dec. 12. Call the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel at 452-6711 for more information.

ITT trips

Information, tickets and tours, and outdoor recreation offers tours and activities throughout the week. People should register for trips at least three days in advance. Call 452-6567 or 452-9437 for details on ITT trips and outdoor recreation at 452-7176 for details on activities.

Talent show

King Citadel Military Lodge "Nite at the Apollo" takes place at 7 tonight in the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center. Tickets cost \$7. Call Tech. Sgt. Raul Wilshire at 452-6866 for more information.

Education news

■The DANTES External Degree program offers associate's through master's degrees through correspondence learning. Review the DANTES catalog on the program Web site at <http://voled.doded.mil/dantes/dl/>.

■First-term airmen who enlisted May 5, 2000, or after may qualify for the College Loan Repayment program.

Call the base education office at 452-6063 or visit the office in Spangdahlem Air Base building 131 for more information.

Youth art contest

The base youth center art contest and display takes place Dec. 3-7. Deadline to enter is Wednesday. Officials judge artwork in four age divisions and 10 art categories. Winners' artwork advances to regional competition. Entries are limited to one per person. Call 452-9163 for more information.

Retiree information

Retiree Activities Office hours are 4-8:30 p.m. each Friday in Spangdahlem Air Base building 23. RAO representatives act as a liaison between active-duty and retired Air Force members. Office officials also seek volunteers. Call retired Tech. Sgt. Gary Hackl at 452-4248 or 452-4020, or e-mail 52FW.RAO@spangdahlem.af.mil for more information.

Thrift shop

Penny Lane thrift shop hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and each second Wednesday monthly. The shop also opens 3-5 p.m. each Thursday.

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You have a choice.
Call Airmen Against
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Commander's view

By Lt. Col. James Dew
606th Air Control Squadron commander

*In 1863, after the battle of
Gettysburg, two young brothers
from Pennsylvania joined a state
infantry regiment that would soon
become part of the Union Army.*

*For the next several months, the
new regiment trained rigorously
before they began their long march
into Virginia. After their regiment
joined with the rest of the Union
Army, at that time just north of the
Rappahannock River in central
Virginia, it began training with
their brigade and division.*

*Their daily training consisted of
marching, learning movement
commands while under hostile fire,
and firing and reloading their
Springfield muskets in mass
formations.*

*After undergoing intensive
training throughout the winter and
early spring of 1864, the
Commander of the Union Army,
Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, finally
decided the army was ready and
crossed the Rappahannock River
in an attempt to flank the
Confederate Army. Soon*

*afterward, the Battle of the
Wilderness began.*

*Just hours into the battle, the
two brothers' regiment was
committed to the front line. Not
long after firing several volleys at
the Confederates, the older of the
two brothers was killed. Trained
as he was, the younger brother
continued on.*

*After several days of fighting in
the woods, General Grant tried
another flanking movement around
the Confederate Army's right
flank. Just a few miles from where
both armies had been fighting in
the wilderness, they met up again
at what became known as the
Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse.
Although the surviving brother's
regiment had suffered heavy
casualties a few days earlier, his
regiment was soon engaged at the
front.*

*During the heat of the battle,
the surviving brother was
captured, and he and the other
prisoners of war were sent south to
await their fate. Several weeks
later, the prisoners arrived at*

*infamous Andersonville Prison in
Georgia. Conditions at the
Andersonville Prison were harsh.
Thousands of Union prisoners died
while there.*

*The surviving brother from
Pennsylvania was taken prisoner
and lived. After the war, he
returned home and lived for
another 40 years. He was my
great-great grandfather.*

Three things make the U.S. Air
Force the premier air force in the
world: people, equipment and
training. Here at the 52nd Fighter
Wing, just like the Union Army
during the Civil War, Team Eifel
trains daily for combat in case called
upon. One of the most valuable
training tools available to team Eifel
are dedicated training days.

When a squadron has a training
day, it uses that time to accomplish
training critical to the success of
its mission. Experienced
technicians provide on-the-job
training to new people.
Technicians and specialists run test
programs on equipment they
normally wouldn't be able to do

during flying operations.

A training day allows
maintenance people the chance to
instruct complex tasks to less
experienced maintainers. The 81st
Fighter Squadron completed 450
separate training events on its last
training day.

Here at the 606th Air Control
Squadron, we use our training days
to accomplish maintenance,
mobility, operations and survive-
to-operate training.

We'll accomplish five-ton truck
drivers training; practice convoy
procedures; train on pallet building
for air, rail, sea or truck; train how
to successfully operate in a
chemical environment; clean our
weapons; conduct ancillary
training and more.

With dedicated training days,
we and other Team Eifel
squadrons accomplish critical
training that just isn't possible
while supporting daily operations -
training that prepared my great-
great grandfather and his fellow
soldiers to endure the harsh
realities of war.

Time for a DUI?

Master Sgt. Daniel Kosek
52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office

Normally, I don't take this subject
personally; however, the latest first shirt note
came to me recently and I was shocked to read
that once again there were three driving under
the influence citations in one weekend. The
same paragraph mentioning the DUIs said that
volunteering for Airmen Against Drunk
Driving could help reduce the number of
DUIs.

I'm all for AADD, but this is strictly a
voluntary program. Lately, there's been too
much begging to get volunteers in order to
fulfill its mission. When this program first
started, the word "saves" was used to illustrate
the amounts of DUIs that could have occurred.
Since the start of AADD, I can't recall a period
of time when the wing had more than 45
consecutive days without a DUI.

The problem with getting volunteers may be
the fact that our DUI rate has not diminished
since the program started. I'm sure there may
have been a greater number of DUIs without
AADD and their "saves," but one fact remains
the same in regards to the wings' DUI problem
— we still have them and lots of them.

There are several other programs such as
Ride for Life, designated driver and even a call
to your first shirt, commander or supervisor,
which could be used to keep our DUI rate
down. Yet, with all these programs in-place,
the DUI rate for the wing still manages to be
high. Why?

As a prior supervisor, I constantly heard we
are responsible for the safety of our troops. I
believe most of us in the military are over the
age of 18. This makes us adults and capable of
thinking for ourselves. Your supervisor should
not be responsible for your actions after duty
hours, unless he is condoning the acts along
with you.

There are measures a supervisor can take to
keep their troops in line. These measures are
limited and sometimes aren't effective. With
all that said — let me state this: If you kill
someone while operating a vehicle under the
influence of drugs or alcohol it may be
considered involuntary manslaughter, at a
minimum. As adults, you will be tried as such.
It may be the supervisor's responsibility for the
safety of their troops and we know that
sometimes, supervisors' OPRs and EPRs may
suffer due to poor supervisory skills. However,
I'll guarantee this, your supervisor is not going
to march through the gates of prison for you or
with you because you made a stupid decision
to drink and drive. That will be something
done on your behalf without a supervisor
present.

There are programs in place to help reduce
or eliminate DUIs. I know we are a smart
society, so let's use these valuable tools to
alleviate a known problem. If you decide not to
use a program then the decision is easy -- don't
drive. Remember, if you make the wrong
decision, you can be doing time for a long
time.

Direct Line

Video returns

Question: I'd like to suggest a change
in policy for return times for videos
and games rented at the Bitburg
Annex Box Office Video. It moved
inside the exchange and it's extremely tough
to return rentals by noon the day they're due
since the drop box is no longer in use.

I suggest return times
be extended to at least 7 p.m. on the day due
so people who work on Spangdahlem Air Base
have time to drop the rentals off and prevent
late fees. Without the drop box, we aren't able
to return rentals before work as we used to do.

Answer: Good news - with the change
in force protection condition, drop
boxes have been installed again out-
side video rental locations.

AAFES had complied with my request to
move the drop box at the Bitburg Annex Box
Office Video due to increased force protection
measures. I understand this action, coupled
with parking shortages throughout the area,
created additional inconveniences. The hours
of operation, however, remained the same (10
a.m. to 9 p.m.). Also, one-day movie rentals
already have an extended return built in and
are not due back for two days. A movie rented
Monday, for instance, would not need to be
returned until noon Wednesday.

I join AAFES in apologizing for the small
inconveniences experienced during higher force
protection levels and we pledge our commitment
to your safety and continued service.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. More movie synopsis information is available at:
www.aafes.com/europe/eur_mov/snop.htm

Bitburg Castle

Today

Riding in Cars with Boys (PG-13) - Drew Barrymore, Steve Zahn

A single mother, with dreams of becoming a writer, has a son at the age of 15 in 1968, and goes through a failed marriage with the drug-addicted father.

Saturday

Riding in Cars with Boys

Sunday

Rock Star (R) - Mark Wahlberg, Jennifer Aniston

Based on a true story, an office supplies salesman moonlights as a musician in a tribute band. His life is changed forever when he is chosen out of the blue to replace the lead singer of his all-time favorite band, Steel Dragon.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

The Musketeer (PG-13) - Justin Chambers, Catherine Deneuve

D'Artagnan and his fellow Musketeers are poised for battle. These legendary men of action are sworn to fight duels and right wrongs. The Musketeers are not only defy the powers that be in 17th century France, they also defy gravity.

Thursday

Rock Star

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

13 Ghosts (R) — Tony Shalhoub, Shannon Elizabeth

When Dr. Zorba dies, he leaves his house to his nephew, who moves in with his daughter. With the house comes 13 ghosts. There's a fortune hidden somewhere in the house and somebody wants it.

Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back (9:30 p.m., R) - Jason Mewes, Kevin Smith

The comic "Bluntman and Chronic" is based on real-life stoners Jay and Silent Bob, so when they get no profit from a big-screen adaptation they set out to wreck the movie.

Saturday

13 Ghosts

Jeepers Creepers (9:30 p.m., R) - Justin Long, Gina Philips

After making a horrific discovery in the basement of an old abandoned church, Trish and her brother Darryl watch their routine road trip home from college turn into a heart-stopping race for their lives. They find themselves the chosen prey of an indestructible force that relentlessly pursues them.

Sunday

Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back

Monday

13 Ghosts

Tuesday

Jeepers Creepers

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Christmas markets highlight local area

By Iris Reiff

52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Annual Weihnachtsmaerkte, or Christmas markets, are springing up in many towns throughout Germany this month. Nearly every German mid-size town has its own unique Christmas market, offering the aroma of fresh fir, Christmas baked goods, waffles, candies and sweet breads — putting everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Vendors and craftsmen set up their goods in little wooden huts, usually decorated with fir branches and Christmas finery, selling decorative ornaments, a large selection of handicraft items, toys and trinkets.

The following are a few of the Weihnachtsmaerkte people can find throughout the area:

■Nuernberg Christkindlmarkt runs today through Dec. 24. The market is open Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday 10.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. On Christmas Eve, the market opens 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■The Augsburg Christkindl market kicks off Thursday and lasts through Christmas Eve. The market is open weekdays 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and weekends 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

■Heidelberg hosts its Weihnachtsmarkt Thursday through Dec. 23 in the old city. The market is open daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■Munich has several markets. The most popular Christkindlmarkt is open Nov. 30 through Christmas Eve on Maerienplatz, in front of the city hall in the center of town. Opening times are weekdays 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Christmas Eve from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other smaller markets can be found in Schwabingen, Heidhausen, Chinesischer Turm, Neuhauser, Ramersdorf and Pasing around the same time.

■Cologne hosts two markets — the old and the new — in the center of town, now through Dec. 23. The markets are open daily 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.

■Bonn holds several markets Wednesday through Dec. 12 in various spots of the city.

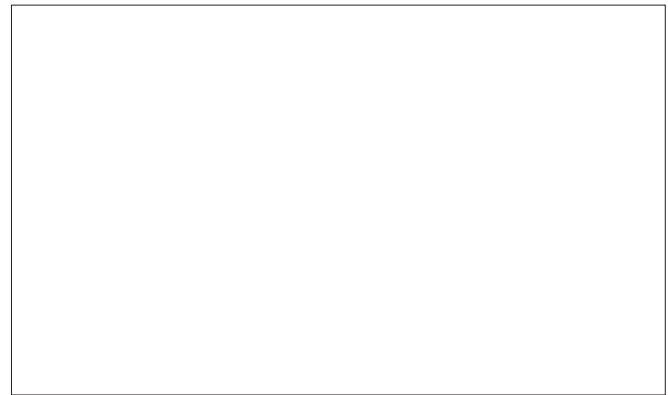
■Find a Christmas market in Monschau on all four Advent weekends. Opening times are Friday 2 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and weekends 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The market is closed Christmas Eve.

■Frankfurt's Christmas market has been held for decades on the Roemerberg. The stands are set up around the Fountain of Justice, in the shadow of the Roemer, the city's ancient town hall, now through Dec. 21. The Roemerberg is in the center of the town, near the famous Paul's Church. The market also runs between Paulplatz, Liebfrauenberg and Mainhai.

■A Christmas market in Mainz is Thursday through Dec. 23. The market is open weekdays 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

■Wiesbaden hosts a Weihnachtsmarkt Wednesday through Dec. 23. The market is open weekdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and Sunday noon to 8 p.m.

■Mannheim's market is Thursday through Dec. 23. The market opens daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.



File photo by Iris Reiff

German children admire Christmas glass ornaments at the Trier Weihnachtsmarkt. More than 60 wooden Christmas huts will offer a variety of Christmas merchandise at this year's event today through Dec. 22.

■Bad Duerkheim has a market Saturday through Dec. 17. The market is open weekdays 5-8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

■Neustadt an der Weinstrasse has a Christmas market Tuesday through Dec. 17 in the town's market square. The market opens daily 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■Ludwigshafen hosts a market Saturday through Dec. 22 on Berliner Platz.

■Rothenberg ob der Tauber hosts its Weihnachtsmarkt Nov. 30 through Dec. 23. The market opens weekdays 12:30-7 p.m.; Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■Stuttgart has a market Nov. 30 through Dec. 23.

■Hamburg hosts a historical Weihnachtsmarkt Monday through Dec. 23 around the city hall and another in the center of the city.

■Essen hosts its international Christmas market now through Dec. 23 in the center of the city. The market opens daily 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

■Saarbruecken has a Weihnachtsmarkt today through Dec. 23 on Kaltbach Platz.

■Luxemburg city hosts its annual Christmas market Dec. 7 through Christmas Eve at the Place d'Armes, in the center of town not far from the city hall. The market is open 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

■Echternach, Luxembourg, hosts its market Dec. 15-16 in the market square. It's open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■Vianden, Luxembourg, has a Christmas market 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 9.

■Strassburg, France, offers a Christmas market today through Dec. 31 at the Muensterplatz, Place Broglie and Petite France. It's open daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

■Metz hosts its annual Christmas market at Place Saint Louis located in the center of the city Saturday through Christmas Eve. The market is open daily 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■Brussels hosts a Weihnachtsmarkt Dec. 16-24 at the Grande Place.

■Koblentz hosts a Weihnachtsmarkt Saturday through Dec. 23. Locations are the "Plan" and "Zentralplatz" which are well-

known spots in the Altstadt or old city. It's open weekdays 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

■The Bernkastel Mittelalterlicher Weihnachtsmarkt or medieval Christmas market, featuring about 30 decorated sales huts, is Saturday through Dec. 22 near the Baerenbrunnen fountain in the town's market square. It's open daily 1-7 p.m. The town also has a Santa Claus market along the Mosel shore.

■The Trier Weihnachtsmarkt takes place today through Dec. 22 in the Hauptmarkt or main market square. The market opens Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

■Bitburg's Nikolaus market or Santa Claus market is Dec. 7-9, Dec. 14-16 and Dec. 21-23 in the center of town. It is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■There's a market featuring more than 30 stands in Wittlich Dec. 8-23 on Pariser Platz and in the historical market square, both located within the center of town. It's open daily 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■Dudeldorf hosts a Weihnachtsmarkt Dec. 1-2. This market is a unique event taking place between the town's arches and at the Dudeldorf castle.

■The community of Landscheid hosts a German-American Christmas market Dec. 16. The base will participate in the event, featuring a performance by the Spangdahlem Gospel Choir and the American Santa Claus with an Angel, who will hand out free goodies to the children.

■Hof Eulendorf estate in Grandsdorf holds its annual Christmas bazaar Dec. 16. Visitors can find home-made Christmas ornaments, music performances and home-baked Christmas goodies.

■The town of Cochem hosts a market Dec. 1-16. It is open daily 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., except for Dec. 1, when it opens at 2 p.m.

■Traben-Trarbach hosts a regular market Dec. 9-10. It's open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Some Christmas items will be offered.

The Eifel Community Center offers trips to some Christmas markets. For more information, call the center at 452-6567.